

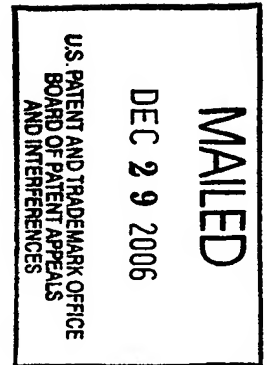
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte RONALD LEO CHRISTIAAN KOYMANS
AND ROB THEODORUS UDINK

Application No. 10/087,974

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 8, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

An in-depth review of the Examiner's Answer mailed March 16, 2006, indicates that it does not fully comply with the requirements of MPEP § 1207.02:

(A) CONTENTS REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINER'S ANSWER.

The examiner's answer is required to include, under appropriate headings, in the order indicated, the following items;

“Real Party in Interest.” A statement acknowledging that the brief has identified by name the real party in interest.

This heading and its content are missing.

In addition, the Examiner’s Answer does not fully comply with the requirements of MPEP § 1207.01, which specifies:

On the examiner’s answer, below the primary examiner’s signature, the word “Conferees:” should be included, followed by the typed or printed names of the other two appeal conference participants. These two appeal conference participants must place their initials next to their name. This will make the record clear that an appeal conference has been held.

There are no conferee names, initials or signatures following the examiner’s signature.

A revised Examiner’s Answer that is in compliance with MPEP §§ 1207.01 and 1207.02 is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner:

- 1) to vacate the Examiner’s Answer mailed March 16, 2006, and issue a revised Examiner’s Answer in accordance with the MPEP; and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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